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TAGS: PFOR, EEC, COMECON

SUB: COMECON-EC CONTACTS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 4290 (NOTAL)

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DANISH GOVERNMENT, THE DANISH EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATION ISSUED A STATEMENT ON JULY 30 (DISTRIBUTED BY THE EC COUNCIL SECRETARIAT ON JULY 31) DENYING PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER HAD INFORMED DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN IN HELSINKI AT THE CSCE MINISTERIAL MEETING ON JULY 3 THAT THE COMECON COUNTRIES, FOLLOWING THEIR RECENT MEETING IN PRAGUE, WERE PREPARED  
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TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY THROUGH THE

SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMECON. (THESE PRESS REPORTS APPEARED IN CONNECTION WITH STORIES REGARDING LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER THORN'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN MOSCOW LAST WEEK- REFTEL-REGARDING COMECON-EC CONTACTS.)

2. THE DANISH STATEMENT INDICATES THAT NO SUCH APPROACH WAS MADE IN HELSINKI NOR HAS DANISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS NOERGAARD, WHO IS AT PRESENT PRESIDENT OF THE EC COUNCIL, RECEIVED ANY COMMUNICATION ON THE SUBJECT. (NOERGAARD REPRESENTS DENMARK IN THE EC COUNCIL SINCE HE HAS OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EC AFFAIRS IN THE DANISH GOVERNMENT. FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN REPRESENTS DENMARK IN POLITICAL CONSULTATION.)  
END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. A DANISH PERMREP SOURCE TOLD US THAT THE DANES HAD BEEN INFORMED EARLIER THAT COMECON SECRETARY GENERAL FADEYEV WAS PLANNING TO SPEND HIS SUMMER VACATION IN DENMARK WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR THERE WHO IS A FRIEND OF HIS. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET FEELERS, THE DANES HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO MEETING INFORMALLY WITH FADEYEV TO DISCUSS EC MATTERS DURING THIS TIME. OUR SOURCE TOLD US THAT ANY SUCH CONTACTS WOULD NOT BE AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, HOWEVER.

4. THE EC PERMREPS HELD A BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THIS COMECON DEVELOPMENT LAST WEEK BEFORE DEPARTING ON VACATION AND REFERRED THE MATTER TO CAPITALS. ACCORDING TO PERMREP AND COMMISSION SOURCES, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THERE WILL BE ANY SERIOUS EC CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT OF COMECON- EC RELATIONS BEFORE SEPTEMBER, AFTER THE SUMMER HOLIDAY. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.  
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